

SLBC NEWS



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This weekly update is sent to members of the St Lucia Bowling Club. To contribute Club news or general bowls items of interest to Club members, please email them to the Editor, Pamela Miller – pamela.miller1@bigpond.com

CLUB BOWLING NEWS

St Lucia Dental Mixed Birdie Triples

A sense of *deja vu* pervaded the clubhouse on Saturday morning as the rain tumbled down during preparation for the Birdies. The fourth round was washed out for the second time and a brave attempt will now be made this Wednesday to finally play those games. Active consideration is being given to renaming this event the 'Water Birdies' in future. Team managers, please advise me of your lineups before Tuesday evening.

2025 Men's A Singles or COC Men's Singles Competition

This is the first of this year's competitions and has been moved forward in the calendar to avoid any clashes with external competitions. This competition was formerly known as the Men's A Singles. The title COC (Champion of Champions) is now being used for those competitions where the winner can go on to represent the club at District level.

The call for this competition opens on Wednesday 15 January and closes on Wednesday 29 January. Games commence on Wednesday 5 February. Please place nominations in the box near the noticeboard or send to me at games@stluciabowls.org

- Graham Legg, Games Manager

Merlo Coffee Cup - Summer Competition 2025

Expression of interest are sought from members. Please put your name and your availability on the list on the noticeboard. Selectors will be meeting in January to choose teams. The draws for both the Merlo Coffee Cup and the Great 8's competitions, both commencing 1 February, are on the SLBC website for your viewing in the "Member's Portal". <https://www.stluciabowls.org.au/draws>

- Peter Jordan, Chair of Selectors

Members' SLBC Shirts

Members requiring new SLBC shirts, please put your name and preferred size onto the ordering sheet placed on the noticeboard and, in order to receive your shirt by the end of March, details must be received no later than Monday 17 March. We do have existing stock for anyone with immediate needs however some sizes are in short supply. . Should you prefer, you may email your requirements to providore@stluciabowls.org

- Fulvio Toniotti, Providore

Great 8s Team Selection

The Great 8 competition starts on 1 February with the first game being at Darra against Darra, commencing at 1pm. The Mixed Alpha team for that game is:

Pairs:	Pairs:	Fours:
Nikki Geran (S)	Craig Francis (S)	Pam Richardson (S)
Pam Salway	Tony Burton	Darcy Barry
		Peter Fairchild
Reserve: Warren Garnham		Col Bertwistle

Details of the Draw are on SLBC's website.

Autumn Pennants - Ladies

Nominations have been called for clubs to enter the 2025 BDBA Ladies Autumn Pennants. SLBC intends to participate in this competition and defend their title won in 2024. Competition starts on 21 February 2025 and is played on Friday mornings at various venues across Brisbane District. The length of the competition will depend on the number of entries.

If any ladies are interested in being eligible for selection into teams playing in this competition, please indicate by placing **your name on the list on the noticeboard** in the ladies' lounge.

- Pam Salway, Ladies' Bowls Captain

Ladies Singles Championship

A nomination form for the SLBC Singles Championship 2025 has been posted to the noticeboard in the ladies' room at the Club. Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 28 January. Competition play begins on Tuesday 4 February.

- Linda Bird, Games Manager

Bowls on Tuesday Afternoon Trial

It was a great success. Thirty players came along for the 1.30 pm session of Tuesday bowls. Most of those stayed for a refreshing drink in the air conditioning afterwards. Whilst we didn't really beat the heat, it was a very pleasant afternoon with one triples match and six pairs rinks playing in a 2-4-2 format.

It is on again next week so come along for another afternoon session and stay for a beverage afterwards. Afternoon tea is 1pm with games starting at 1.30. Register online before noon Tuesday.

- Pam Salway, Ladies' Bowls Captain

Club Closure in February for Path Painting

The Brisbane City Council advised us that they are planning to complete the painting of the paths at the Club on Monday and Tuesday, 3-4 February 2025, subject to the weather (for the third time).

That means that the Club will be closed for both days. Let's hope that the weather gods are smiling on us this time.

- Max Grey, Vice President

UPDATE ON FUNCTIONS AT SLBC

We ended 2024 on a high. External functions at the Club in November and December brought in over \$15 000 which is profit contributing to the cost of operating our Club. Without this revenue from functions, our Club would soon be in dire straits financially.

This happens with much effort from many members. Our strength is the very personalised service we give to our clients. Members assist with bowls functions so that our guests have an enjoyable experience. We also have a team of friendly 'hosts'. These hosts work with clients to make sure everything goes smoothly. Being a host is not onerous. I think of it as welcoming people to our 'home'.

When you help at a function, you are doing something very practical to help maintain our beautiful Club. Members are strongly encouraged to answer the call when asked to help with bowls functions. We would love to have more hosts come on board. If you think you might be interested, give me a call.

- Anne Kuhnemann, Functions Director
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DUCHESNE DAY - SUNDAY 2 MARCH from 2pm – 6pm



As most of you know, this is a big day in our functions calendar. Five hundred young people descend on the Club for an afternoon of fun on and off the greens. We need all “hands on deck” for this special day, particularly to help with supervising the bowls. It's good fun and we get to enjoy the vibe of the day. Mark the date on your calendar. Lists for volunteers will be on the noticeboards soon.

NEWS FOM THE GREENS

Blue Green

The renovation of this green is complete and it is playing well. There is the usual issue with mites around the perimeter of this green which is being addressed. The mites produce the ‘bare’ areas which are becoming apparent on the clubhouse side of the green. Mites are difficult to control because the traditional insect controls don’t work.

The Greenkeeper has sprayed with a special insecticide and this is having some effect. He has sourced another new insecticide (\$800 per 5l) which he will trial with only about a litre being used at SLBC and the rest being used elsewhere. This green is in good condition but every effort must be tried to keep it free of mites otherwise it will deteriorate like last year.

Red Green

The renovation of this green is in progress with scarifying, coring, heavy rolling in high areas (along the eastern side) and top dressing either in progress or having been completed. The coring is necessary before rolling in the high areas for the rolling to be effective. The coring was done over the whole green to try to improve the drainage of this green in an attempt to control the moss and algae that impacted the green last year.

On Saturday during the heavy rain, it was apparent that the drainage of this green was still inferior to the blue green but hopefully it will be better than last year with the coring. Continued efforts are needed to improve the drainage of this green. Deep spiking and coring have been tried so far but if this doesn't work there may be a need to look at more drastic action. The problems seem to relate to insufficient subsurface drainage being used during the green construction. Less wet weather, more sunlight, less shading and more spraying for moss and algae would help keep the surface in good condition.

This green should now recover with warm weather and watering (or rain) helping the process. It is expected that it will take a few weeks to do so which means it should be available about the second week of February.

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